

THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Saving Program at the Insane Asylum.

(From Saturday's daily)

There was a full attendance at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Health resulting in a general cleaning up of several important matters which had been hanging fire for some time. There were present President Sloggett, Dr. Moore, Dr. Cooper, E. A. Mott-Smith, Wm. Auld and E. P. Dole, Executive Officer Pratt, Secretary Charlock and Supt. Reynolds. Every member of the board was present, but E. C. Smith who is in the States.

One of the most important matters disposed of was the settlement of the question of the Queen's Hospital subsidy. While no official action was taken the committee made an informal report stating that the matter had been satisfactorily adjusted and that the Queen's Hospital would receive the appropriation made by the last legislature. The report made by the directors is accepted as satisfactory and there is to be no further trouble on that score. The same satisfactory disposition was made of the Waimea Hospital matter.

ECONOMY AT INSANE HOSPITAL.

The recommendations of the Insane Asylum committee toward more economy were adopted by the full Board. Under the new order of things there will be a saving of twenty-five dollars a month, while before the expenses had been running very close to the limit. The position of assistant superintendent formerly held by F. H. Kilbey is declared vacant. He was receiving a salary of \$110 per month. His work is to be done upon the captains of the guard who will get an increase of ten dollars each per month, and the guards who are increased from \$35 to \$40 per month. The salary of Supt. Maister is raised from \$165 to \$175 per month.

DRUGGISTS GET A SHOT.

There was considerable discussion by the Board upon the report by Executive Officer Pratt regarding the practice in the drug stores of making up prescriptions on their own hook for any who might call and request a remedy for some ailment. Dr. Pratt stated that he had had his attention called to the death of a child of pneumonia, and upon investigation he learned that a drug clerk had sold the father homeopathic acetone, upon being told that the child had a high fever. While the medicine did not directly cause the death of the child he thought it had hastened the end. The father had given the patient three of the pellets, and she had gone to sleep, from which there had been no awakening.

Dr. Sloggett stated that he did not think it advisable to go in for prosecution just at this time, but thought that the secretary should send a letter of warning to the offending druggist.

Dr. Cooper stated that the laws relating to the practice of medicine should be lived up to, and he thought all the drug stores had been guilty of this prescription practice. He believed it to be an injustice to the medical profession, and the only way to stop it was by prosecution. Nothing definite was done in the matter, but it was decided to institute no proceedings for the present at least.

CLAIM DENIED.

Superintendent Reynolds reported on the claim of Kepoiki, who wanted to be reimbursed \$7.50 for money spent for bread boxes in repairing the floor of his house at the settlement, and also for water pipes. The superintendent stated that the repairs were made without any authority, and without first requesting him to make them, and recommended that the claim be not allowed. He stated that the water pipes for which claim was made were the property of the board. The petition was denied.

CONTRACT AMENDED.

A minor change was made in the contract for carrying between Molokai and other points. The form has been made out in the name of the Hawaiian Navigation Company by mistake, and the name of Carrera, the real bidder, was substituted.

CHINESE SOCIETY WILL BUILD.

The petition of the Chinese Society for permission to erect a building without first raising the lot to the street level was referred to the city sanitary officer.

KEWALO SWAMPS CONDEMNED.

City Sanitary Officer Tracy reported five lots to be condemned in Kewalo on Kawahine, Lanikai, Queen, Cooke streets, and the Board of Public Works was asked to order the swampy places filled up to four feet above the city level. He also reported on the matter of the King Brothers' petition in regard to sanitary conditions on their premises, and recommended that all fixtures be made sanitary.

DOCTORS WILL GET PAID.

Dr. Garrison's bill for attending an insane patient at Waimea was referred to the Attorney General's Department. The examination was made upon the request of the deputy sheriff, and the board held that the bill should be presented to the head of that department.

The same action was taken relative to the claim of Dr. L. S. Thompson, the government physician at Kau. He sent in a bill of \$30 for exhuming a Japanese who had been murdered. At the time the man was found dead no autopsy was performed, as his death was due apparently to external injuries, but eleven days after the burial the deputy sheriff requested him to prepare the skull for presentation in court. He states that it was a very disagreeable job, and thinks he should receive the extra compensation.

There were three applications from Molokai for permission to grant marriage licenses, but only one, F. Wilmington, was recommended to the Board of Education.

NEW GARRAGE RULE.

The following regulation prepared by Deputy Attorney General Douthitt was adopted:

ANOTHER OIL COMPANY MAY INTRODUCE ITS PRODUCT HERE

The Associated Oil Company of California with a capital of \$40,000,000 has its eyes upon Hawaii as a possible field for the sale of its product. H. H. Blood, a director of the company, is in Honolulu looking over the prospects and there is a possibility that long term contracts—at least more than five years terms—will be made with several of the plantations. The following article in the San Francisco Call of October 31, gives the status of the company:

The Associated Oil Company of California, representing the bulk of the oil-producing plants of the state, transacted considerable business at its meeting yesterday in the offices of W. S. Porter in the Mills building and elected officers for the ensuing year.

While the proceedings were executive it was stated that there is a decided unanimity of opinion among the oil men, and it is predicted that the mammoth oil combination will shortly be in a position to control the market and secure good prices for the output of the oil fields.

The officers elected yesterday for the forty million dollar corporation are as follows:

C. A. Canfield, president; W. G. Kerckhoff, vice president; W. A. Jacobs, first vice president; O. Scribner, secretary; Burton E. Green, treasurer; directors: Henry Aach, W. F. Chandler, C. A. Canfield, W. G. Kerckhoff, B. E. Brooks, B. E. Green, H. H. Blood, M. J. Layman, W. A. Jacobs, O. Scribner and W. S. Porter.

The officers of the company will hold another meeting this afternoon.

H. H. Blood, one of the directors of the company, who is at present stopping at the Hawaiian Hotel, stated yesterday:

"I found everything in good shape in Washington," said the Secretary. "I had many interviews with Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Hitchcock, and he showed much interest in the affairs of the Territory. The report of the Governor was submitted to the Secretary, but cannot be given out until it has been printed by his office and any recommendation he may wish to make from it sent to the President by him."

"I also visited the various departments and found the same interest in affairs here and a disposition to do all that may be done for the islands. There have been some recommendations made for various improvements, and these I found were being given full consideration by the heads of the various bureaus. I am hopeful that the Territory will be given what is necessary at this session of Congress."

"There is a very complete knowledge of the conditions under which the government here labors among the heads of the various departments at the Capital. It is the general opinion that affairs here have gone well in view of the conditions. I do not think there will be any changes. As to a commission to enquire into the government of the islands, I heard nothing of it until there had been made a suggestion here, which was sent back to Washington."

"On the whole I had a most pleasant trip and a profitable visit to the Capital. The officials were pleased to get any information about affairs. We discussed the questions which are of greatest interest here, the labor question among them, and I am very well satisfied with the outlook. Personally I enjoyed myself very much and the masonic meetings and functions were exceedingly pleasant and profitable."

HOSPITAL REPORT.

The report for Malaitani Hospital showed the receipts, including the balance from September, to be \$553.49, and the expenditures during October to be \$219.65. Thirty-nine patients were treated, five of whom were non-paying. There were thirteen Europeans, two Chinese, twenty-two Japanese, and two of other nationalities. There was one death during the month.

The sanitary officer at Hilo reported 440 inspections during the past month, and one prosecution under the pig regulation.

WAIALUA IS IN GOOD SHAPE

Waialua Plantation is in a better condition now than was expected by its directors, according to the general opinion of the members of the party which spent two days there this week. Each of the men who were the guests of Manager Goodale and went all over the estate, returns with an opinion that the plantation will show its value within a very short time.

"I was really astonished to find the condition of affairs so good," said Mr. C. M. Cooke yesterday in discussing the matter. "I went over the plantation and the general conditions, the state of the crop and the character of the works, were such as to give me an idea which was far and away better than the one formed from the reports which had come in the past. The plantation will have an immense crop for the season which begins in January. Mr. Lowrie, who has been down there, says it will reach at the very least 25,000 tons. This will be a remarkable showing and will justify the expense which has been incurred in the fitting up of the plantation."

"There will be shown an overflood with the agents at the close of the season, as the expenditures have exceeded the estimates. This will amount to some \$75,000, as an estimate, but there are now in the treasury of the company bonds to the amount of \$500,000, which could be issued to meet this indebtedness if it was thought by the directors to be wise."

"The extensions of the water supply service took much money, but in our opinion justify the expense. Thus the plantation is in shape to get all the water which falls upon the mountain watershed, and this will be a great help. The amount of irrigation which will be had in this way will make it possible to use the pumping plant more as an auxiliary system than to depend upon it for the entire supply of water. The pumps represent an investment of a million, and it makes a first class showing. As I said I was more than pleased with the showing of the estate."

NEW YORK, November 1.—A cable to the Sun from Peking says: Li Hung Chang is again ill. Yesterday he developed hemorrhage of the stomach, and last night his condition was pronounced most serious. It is feared that he may die at any time. A leading member of the Foreign Office died recently, Prince Ching has gone to meet the court, and the illness of Li Hung Chang leaves the Foreign Office with no capable head. Li Hung Chang's illness occurs at the conclusion of the Manchurian arrangement, which is now awaiting the court's approval. His last previous illness followed the signing of the protocol with the allies, when it was also feared he would die.

PEKING, November 1.—Li Hung Chang's foreign physicians tonight pronounced his condition grave. He has had hemorrhages for the last two days.

LONDON, November 2.—The Standard publishes the following from its Shanghai correspondent: "As a result of the violent opposition of the Viceroy to the Manchurian convention it is said that the Empress Dowager notified Li Hung Chang of her resolution to denounce it, and that Li Hung Chang on hearing this became ill."

"Diplomatic circles in St. Petersburg are inclined to believe the Russian assurances that there is nothing in the Manchurian convention to which the other powers can reasonably object," says the correspondent of the Times at the Russian capital. "No doubts are entertained as to the sincerity of Russia's desire to withdraw from Manchuria as quickly as possible after insuring the safety of the railways, her occupation of the province having involved her in responsibilities and expenses out of all proportion to the advantages gained."

The Officers Visit Extreme of Land.

(From Saturday's daily.)

LOCATIONS for Coast Defenses about Honolulu are viewed under difficulties, is the opinion of the members of the Fortifications Board which is now engaged in looking over the city and its surroundings for the purpose of deciding upon what defenses are needed. Once more the officers returned to their hotel after their trip yesterday wet from the driving rain and ready to wait for a dry spell if their work was not of a pressing nature.

The labors of the day began early, the four mule team and its attendant Dougherty being at the door of the hotel by 9 o'clock. The first point to be examined was Punchbowl. The party knew of former recommendations and so felt that they should consider the location. The drive was made under difficulties and was far from a pleasant one. While the members enjoyed the view, and appreciated the theory of the all of the old days who set his battery there, it was evident that the men who have to deal with modern armament did not look with favor upon the top of the hill, as a site for high power guns.

The next trip of the party was to the Paoli, and this, while uncomfortable owing to the rain and wind, was full of interest. Every member of the party was pleased with the situation there from a military point of view. Col. Davis especially was delighted. He had not before seen the Paoli and the perfection of the defense possible was apparent. Col. Heuer commenting upon it, said that a company of men with modern rapid fire guns could hold the pass against an army of invaders. There was much questioning by the officers as to other passes and before their departure the members of the Board will visit the base on the Waialua road, above the plantations.

After luncheon the members of the party gave their time and attention to the waterfront proper. The first visit was that paid to the naval reservation on the Waikiki side of the entrance. The party went out to the end of the sea wall and made as thorough an investigation of the formation as could be done from superficial view. From this they went over to Quarantine island and again made investigations of the extent and character of the land, and also formed their opinions as to availability of the outlying portions of the island for the erection of harbor defenses. The officers are keeping their own counsel as to their investigations and conclusions.

Today will be spent by the members of the Board at Pearl Harbor. The trip will be made by land so that the reservation at Kahanuiki may be visited en route. It had been expected that the launch of the Naval Station would be available for use in going about the lochs, but owing to the rough weather outside it is not probable that the little vessel will venture to make the trip. It is however possible that the launch of Secretary Cooper will be secured for the use of the officers, who may wish to go about a little while they are at the harbor.

JUMPED ON A TENPENNY NAIL.

The little daughter of Mr. J. N. Powell jumped on an inverted rake made of tenpenny nails, and thrust one and entirely through her foot, and a second one half way through. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was promptly applied, and five minutes later the pain had disappeared, and no more suffering was experienced. In three days the child was wearing her shoe as usual, and with absolutely no discomfort. Mr. Powell is a well known merchant of Portland, Me., U. S. A. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and heals such injuries without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all druggists and dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii Territory.

Senator J. P. Jones, of Nevada, has announced that he is again in alignment with the Republican party on all questions.

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